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*USSR: After a long series of failures the Soviet Union has successfully landed a camera-equipped space vehicle on the moon.

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[redacted] Luna-9 was launched from Tyuratam on 31 January and reached the moon near the Sea of Storms about 1:45 PM EST yesterday. [redacted]

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The initial Soviet statement gave the times at which Luna-9 would be transmitting and the frequency to be used, but did not say what data the instrumentation package is to collect. [redacted]

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[redacted] there almost certainly would be instrumentation for measuring lunar temperatures and surface conditions. All such measurements would be useful for eventual manned landings as is the development of a technique for safely landing an instrument package.

Luna-9, the 12th soft-landing attempt since 1963, represents a significant achievement in a program which has had a high priority in the Soviet space effort.

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Indonesia: President Sukarno continues to pursue his own political counteroffensive in the absence of significant army-inspired political activity.

[Ambassador Green in Djakarta believes that] Sukarno appears to operate on the theory that the longer he can postpone his vaunted "political solution" the better are his chances to reconstruct Indonesia's political left. [Ambassador Green adds that] If Sukarno does make a political announcement tomorrow [] it probably will be limited in scope, perhaps involving some shifts among the various economic ministers in the cabinet.

Sukarno evidently feels a need to regain the acquiescence of the Indonesian elite in his leadership and to find a source of armed support. To these ends, he is trying to exploit divisions and rivalries within the armed forces and between the army and its civilian supporters.

Defense Minister Nasution and presumably army chief General Suharto seem to regard the army's present role as that of maintaining law and order and preventing excesses by anti-Communist student and Moslem forces. [Ambassador Green] believes [] the army will continue to hold the line against reactivation of the Communist Party and a resumption of close Indonesian relations with Communist China. []

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France-USSR: [De Gaulle will leave for Moscow on 20 June, according to a Foreign Ministry official. Before then France will seek to conclude some specific, even if limited, agreement with the USSR on space cooperation. For several months experts from the two countries have been discussing cooperation in space projects. These include a long-term contract for TV transmission by means of the Soviet Molniya satellite and the use of Soviet rockets to orbit French satellites.]

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Britain: [Prime Minister Wilson reportedly has drawn up tentative plans to call an election, possibly as early as 24 March to take advantage of recent trends in Labor's favor. A meeting of Cabinet ministers and Labor Party leaders scheduled for Sunday may provide an indication of his intentions. Wilson, however, may postpone his decision until after he returns from Moscow in late February.]

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